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Temporary School Closings Now On-line

Last month CEPI Director, Andrew Henry, announced the development of a new on-line service at www.michigan.gov/scm that allows citizens to look up temporary school closings, such as those due to inclement weather. The School Closings (Weather and Other Delays) application is now part of the School Code Master, the state's repository for official contact data about schools and other educational facilities. Authorized school personnel have access to the School Closings application to enter any temporary school closings due to weather and other events. The School Closings application, previously known as the Michigan School Closing System, was managed by the Michigan State Police for over 30 years. For more information about this application, please visit our Web site at www.michigan.gov/cepi.

Pupil and Staffing Headcount Data Now Available on CEPI Web Site

Pupil and staff headcount data are now available at CEPI's Web site (www.michigan.gov/cepi) under "Download Data." The number of K-12 public school students and personnel in Michigan are provided at the building, local district, intermediate school district, and state levels. "Download Data" is a new section on the CEPI Web site, created to assist the public in accessing data about Michigan's K-12 public schools.

2000-2001 Graduation Rate Report Released

Detailed tables of graduation and dropout rates—sorted by school district and public school academy—an analysis of the rates, and detailed information about how the rates are calculated are now available at CEPI's Web site, www.michigan.gov/cepi.

Some highlights of the analysis include:

- State average graduation rates are at a five-year high.
- Thirty-eight districts had graduation rates of 100 percent.
- Twenty-four percent of districts had graduation rates at 95 percent or higher.
- High schools with the highest graduation rates tend to be smaller schools located in rural or suburban areas.

New Features Added to CEPI Web Site

In addition to the new Download Data section and the School Closings (Weather and Other Delays) application that is part of the School Code Master, an on-line form for requesting specific data ("Need CEPI Data?") is now on the CEPI Web site. Designed specifically for researchers, this form can be found in the MEIS Data Services section. Visit the CEPI Web site at www.michigan.gov/cepi for all the latest information about data submissions to CEPI and the reports produced from those data submissions.

Happy Holidays!

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